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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

11 **NORTHERN DISTRICT CALIFORNIA**

14 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,                   } Case No. C 07 06045 (SC)  
15    } Plaintiff,                                      } **CLAIM TO VESSEL BY OWNER**  
16    }  
17    vs.    }  
18    }  
19    M/V COSCO BUSAN, LR/IMO Ship. No.         }  
20    9231743 her engines, apparel, electronics,   }  
21    tackle, boats, appurtenances, etc., *in rem*,   }  
22    THE SHIOPWNERS' INSURANCE &            }  
23    GUARANTY COMPANY LTD., REGAL            }  
24    STONE, LIMITED, FLEET                    }  
25    MANAGEMENT LTD., and JOHN COTA,        }  
26    *in personam*,                                    }  
27    Defendants.                                    }

28    Claimant REGAL STONE LTD., through its undersigned counsel, making a  
restricted appearance under Supplemental Rule E(8) of the Federal Rules of Civil  
Procedure, solely for the purpose of defending claims against the defendant vessel M/V

1 COSCO BUSAN and making claim to the vessel, her tackle, equipment and  
2 appurtenances. Appearance is made without waiving Regal Stone Ltd.'s defense that  
3 neither it nor the defendants THE SHIOPWNERS' INSURANCE & GUARANTY  
4 COMPANY LTD., REGAL STONE, LIMITED, and FLEET MANAGEMENT LTD, are  
5 subject to the jurisdiction of the court, and without waiving contest of venue or  
6 sufficiency of process or service over the in personam defendants. Regal Stone, Ltd.  
7 hereby states its interest and right as owner of the M/V COSCO BUSAN, her engines,  
8 tackle, apparel, equipment and furnishings, and the claimant states that it was at the  
9 time of the filing of the complaint herein, and still is, the true and bona fide sole owner  
10 of the vessel and that no other person is the owner thereof.

11 DATED at San Francisco, California this 15th day of January, 2008.  
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14 DATED: January 15, 2008

/s/ John D. Giffin

JOHN D. GIFFIN

NICOLE S. BUSSI

Attorneys for Regal Stone, Ltd.

17 State of California

18 County of San Francisco

20 Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 15th day of January, 2008, by  
21 JOHN D. GIFFIN, personally known to me to be the person who appeared before me.  
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26 NOTARY PUBLIC, State of California  
27 My Commission Expires: July 25, 2008